

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FORMAY -5 AM 11:23 THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

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ORDER

Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (Doc. 7), to which objections have been filed (Doc. 8; Doc. 9). After a careful de novo review of the record, the Court concludes that Petitioner's objections are without merit. Accordingly, the Report and Recommendation is ADOPTED as the Court's opinion in this case. As a result, Petitioner's 28 U.S.C. § 2255 Petition is DENIED. In addition, Petitioner is not entitled to a Certificate of Appealability, rendering moot any request for in forma pauperis status on appeal. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to close this case.

In her objections, Petitioner maintains that her decision not to file a notice of appeal was unknowing because her attorney failed to properly explain both the advantages and disadvantages of appealing her conviction and sentence. (Doc. 9 at 2.) Petitioner argues that counsel left her with the impression that filing a notice of appeal would result in her

receiving a longer sentence. (<u>Id.</u>) The Court is unpersuaded by Petitioner's argument. In the fully executed Post-Conviction Consultation Certification, Petitioner declared that counsel "advised []her about the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing an appeal." (CR415-204, Doc. 126.)

SO ORDERED this 4th day of May 2017.

VILLIAM T. MOORE, JR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA